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Dear Mrs Brack :

Please may I acknowledge and thank you for your letter dated April 27 and for the draft manuscripts which arrived safely and in good order. It was good of you to return them so promptly and they will be useful in the process of revision.

It was encouraging to hear that the recent meeting of the Editorial Committee went off so well and that my progress report apparently shed light on a few points concerning which there had evidently been some misunderstanding. It must have been helpful to confer personally with Miss Pfefferkorn and thus to obtain an idea of what the total content of the history is likely to be.

So many changes have taken place since my early conferences with Mrs McVicar that I hesitate to express any opinion concerning the suggestions put forward at that time. All these were purely tentative and were intended only as a basis of discussion. Don't you think it might be better to disregard them entirely and to make a fresh start by defining the areas of responsibility in the light of the present situation?

While I should be very grateful for any new source material that the Editorial Committee sees fit to send me, I do not think that I shall be doing any more "interviewing". That task was practically completed before I left Baltimore and in this connection Mrs McVicar gave most valuable assistance.

It would be quite in order for the Editorial Committee to make recommendations regarding illustrations, format, publishers, etc., but since the question of cost is involved the ultimate decisions would, in my judgement, rest with the History Committee as a whole.

We too have had horrid late frosts that lifted the tulips out of the ground but they are blooming in spite of all although a bit short in the stems.

Good luck to you and your roses.

Sincerely yours

(Ethel Johns)